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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
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AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
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USLO PEKING  
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR ADDING ADDRESSEES)

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, US, CENTO, XO

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT

REF: STATE 222096 (1973) (NOTAL)

BEIRUT ALSO PASS BAGHDAD

KUWAIT ALSO PASS DOHA

MILITARY ADDEES ALSO FOR POLAD

CAIRO PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. THE CONVENTIONALLY-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CONSTELLATION -- ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DESTROYERS, A DESTROYER ESCORT, AND A FAST COMBAT SUPPORT SHIP -- WILL BE OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR ABOUT THIRTY DAYS BEGINNING NOV. 10. TRANSIT OF MALACCA STRAIT IS SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 8-10. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS PLANNED.

2. IF DEEMED NECESSARY, EMBASSY ACTION ADDEES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS IN ADVANCE OF DEPLOYMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. DEPTOFF INFORMED AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND, AND

JAPANESE EMBOFFS DURING US-UK TALKS DEBRIEF LAST WEEK.

3. INFO ADDEES SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION, BUT IF ASKED CAN DRAW IN LOW-KEY MANNER ON FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH DOD) ONCE MALACCA STRAIT TRANSIT ACCOMPLISHED:

QUOTE: THE PACIFIC FLEET AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CONSTELLATION AND THE DESTROYERS BERKELEY, COCHRANE, SECRET

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AND STEIN ARE CURRENTLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FAST COMBAT SUPPORT SHIP USS CAMDEN. REAR ADMIRAL D.C. DAVIS, USN, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 77 IS EMBARKED IN CONSTELLATION, WHICH IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN L.F. EGGERT, USN. COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON 33, CAPTAIN J. METCALF, III, USN, IS EMBARKED IN BERKELEY, WHICH IS COMMANDED BY CDR. J.T. HOWE, USN. THE OTHER SHIP COMMANDERS ARE: CAPTAIN R.T. THOMAS, USN, USS CAMDEN, CDR. W.A. MEISTER, USN, USS STEIN, AND CDR J.E. BOLAND. JR., USN, USS COCHRANE. UNQUOTE.

4. WE INTEND TO USE PARA 3 GUIDANCE ON IF-ASKED BASIS HERE, AND YOU SHOULD DO LIKEWISE. IF QUERIED FURTHER, YOU MAY RESPOND THAT THIS ROUTINE DEPLOYMENT IS IN

KEEPING WITH OUR POLICY OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND WITH OUR EXPRESSED INTENTION TO OPERATE SHIPS PERIODICALLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ON A MORE FREQUENT AND MORE REGULAR BASIS THAN WE DID PREVIOUSLY (I.E., BEFORE LATTER PART OF 1973). YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT ONLY US NAVAL PRESENCE HAS BEEN MIDEASTFORCE SINCE DEPARTURE OF CHICAGO TASK GROUP LAST AUGUST.

5. FOR JAKARTA, SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR: POLICY RE STRAITS TRANSIT REMAINS AS EXPRESSED REFTEL.

6. CONSTELLATION GROUP, WHICH WILL CALL AT KARACHI, WILL PARTICIPATE WITH BRITAIN, IRAN, TURKEY AND PAKISTAN IN CENTO ANNUAL MARITIME EXERCISE MIDLINK 74 (DURING LATTER HALF NOVEMBER IN ARABIAN SEA), AND THIS MAY BE CONFIRMED IN ANSWER TO QUERIES. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT MIDLINK IS ONE OF SERIES OF SUCH ANNUAL EXERCISES GOING BACK MANY YEARS. PAKISTAN IS HOST OF EXERCISE THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, PREFER AVOID REFERENCE TO MIDLINK PARTICIPATION UNTIL START-EXERCISE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN NORMAL COURSE THROUGH CENTO CHANNELS.

7. FOR MILITARY ACTION ADDEES: FOREGOING CONSTITUTES OASD/PA GUIDANCE FOR YOUR ACTION. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY

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OASD/PA IMMEDIATELY UPON USE OF ABOVE IN RESPONDING TO MEDIA INQUIRIES. INGERSOLL

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